

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of December 11, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 19 are amended to specify that the first layer is configured so that the electrodes surround the nozzle. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 11, lines 19-30 and in Fig. 34 of the present application; and dependent claims 2-8, 10-18, 20-27 and 29-37 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 19, and the claims dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of Kubby, Moon, DeMoor, Silverbrook, Feinn and Kashino, because none of these cited references teach or suggest configuring the electrodes to surround the nozzle, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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